

**The City of Harrisburg
Mayor Stephen R. Reed**

**DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION**

2006 Annual Report

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THE CITY OF HARRISBURG
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Department Overview and Background

The Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Harrisburg was established by City Council ordinance in 1973. Prior to that time, the responsibilities of the Department fell within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Recreation, Department of Community Development. Since that time, the Department of Parks and Recreation has been its own entity, now located in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Government Center, 10 North Second Street, Suite 401, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1686. The department also maintains a field office (commonly referred to as the Park Shop) off Cameron Street, where most vehicles, equipment, and lawn care items are stored, and Bureau of Recreation offices in the newly restored Mansion in Reservoir Park.

This Department serves a multitude of functions, which include, but are not limited to, the following: provides comprehensive programming for year-round recreational sites; staffs seventeen recreation sites, two City pools, and one City Island Beach facility during summer months; maintains 450+ acres of parks and playgrounds owned and operated by the City; plans and prepares for all Special Events and visiting dignitaries; publishes a monthly City Calendar of area events; maintains 50,000 shade trees located on public property; assists the Department of Public works during emergencies and special assignments, i.e. snow removal and water-line breaks; and oversees all construction activities ranging from restoration of historically significant structures and formal gardens to rehabilitation of existing recreational facilities and the creation of new facilities. Since the functions of the Department are numerous yet diverse, each requiring special areas of expertise, three Bureaus were created within the Department: the Office of the Director, the Bureau of Recreation, and the Bureau of Parks Maintenance. Each Bureau has a supervisor who is responsible for tending to staff needs and overseeing the daily operations of his/her Bureau. These individuals report to the Director, who is responsible for overseeing all functions implemented by each Bureau. The Director/Department Head reports to the Mayor, and, when applicable, to City Council.

Each Bureau has a staff complement ranging from 3-110 individuals who are responsible for implementation of the specific functions outlined for that Bureau. Staff members range from temporary seasonal help to permanent full-time positions. The Department of Parks and

Recreation presently has thirty-five full-time and thirty part-time positions. During the summer months, the Bureau of Recreation employs 100 area residents to assist with programming on scheduled recreation sites. The office of the Director has ten full-time employees to carry out its responsibilities, which now include a Park Ranger Corp. The Bureau of Parks Maintenance has nineteen full-time employees, a City Island Superintendent/Assistant Park Maintenance Director, a Head Groundskeeper and a Parks Maintenance Director. This is a significant decrease from 1974, when the Bureau had forty-two full-time employees, and from 1981, when, with assistance from the CETA program, the Department had fifty-eight employees.

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Although the number of Department staff has decreased since the early 1980s, productivity has increased due to computerization of Park Maintenance data, specialization of its professional staff, acquisition of a new fleet of vehicles, and replacement of worn-out maintenance equipment. Never before has the Department achieved so much with so little. Its parks, playgrounds, and open space areas have seen incredible transformations, with more than \$69 million dollars worth of capital improvements undertaken and completed since 1982, when Mayor Reed implemented his Parks Improvement Program. In addition, the Department's special events and recreation programs have expanded to accommodate the City's growing needs.

The subsequent pages will attempt to outline the milestones each Bureau has accomplished during the past year, beginning with the Office of the Director (which includes Park Rehabilitation and Development) and the Park Ranger Corp Program (which is now in its ninth year of operation), and closing with the Special Events component of this "Bureau." The Special Events component of the Department can be categorized as both a huge undertaking and a genuine success story. In 2006, Special Events attendance was 1,828,300; a 1.9 % decrease over 2005's attendance of 1,865,600. The decrease in attendance was due to adverse weather which necessitated the canceling of several days of activities during the City's summer festivals. In addition, more than 250,500 people attended private Park Permit events, bringing the attendance total for all Park Permit and City events to 2,078,800.

As a free service and one which greatly assists with the promotion of the Department's activities, the City Calendar offers the most comprehensive listing of recreational activities in the City and the area. In its sixteenth year, the City Calendar has grown to an annual circulation of 221,000 copies. Twelve monthly City Calendars, a summer recreation guide, and a City Island brochure are produced every year. This in-house publication assists the City in being able to get the word out to the public about what Harrisburg has to offer in the way of recreation programs and special events.

Following the Special Events report, the Bureau of Recreation's report is sure to interest those who have children or enjoy participating in organized activities and programs, many of which promote physical fitness, environmental awareness, education, and just plain fun for all age groups, tourists, visitors, and Harrisburg residents alike. Recreation programs are offered year-round. Total attendance

for year-round recreational activities in 2006 was 503,175 participants, a 17% decrease which was the result of adverse weather conditions; excessive rain and extreme heat wave. The City of Harrisburg is the only community in Central Pennsylvania that has offered year-round recreational programs, free-of-charge.

The Final section of this report, on Bureau of Parks Maintenance activities, outlines the parks, playgrounds, and open space improvements undertaken and completed in 2005. In 2005, our total park land complement remained at twenty-seven playgrounds plus twenty open space areas totaling more than 450+ acres. In previous years, we completed the rehabilitation of three inner-City playgrounds: Wilson Park, Norwood, and Shipoke, as well as the rehabilitation of Swenson Plaza, our Capital Area Greenbelt, Clarence C. Morrison Park and the Reverend Roach memorial at the north end of Italian Lake. In addition, we rehabilitated and renamed Penn and Dauphin Streets Playground which is now known as the Benjamin and Gloria Olewine Playground. In 2003, we rehabilitated Vernon Street Playground, the Reservoir Park Bandshell and the Braxton Playground. The physical improvements occurred during 2002-03, although planning efforts occurred the year before. In 2004, planning efforts and fundraising got underway for the rehabilitation of Pool #2 playground which was completed and dedicated in 2005. In 2006, the City Island Boat Ramp was completely rehabilitated and all repairs as a result of Ivan were completed.

Although Reservoir Park is the City's largest park, City Island represents the most popular single facility, with over 2.5 million persons attending various waterfront activities during 2005. To accommodate this influx of people, the Market Street Bridge ramps and underpass were widened and new sidewalks installed in 2006.

In closing, our shade tree maintenance activities resulted in the City, for the nineteenth consecutive year, being named a Tree City, USA. This award is issued by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and is given annually to only a handful of cities in our nation. An aggressive tree maintenance program was implemented in 1990, with results dramatically apparent by the close of 2005; thousands of trees have been trimmed and hundreds have been planted throughout the City.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Below is a breakdown of budgetary information by Bureau for the past year:

0180 - Office of the Director

Personnel	664,730
Operating	345,245
Capital	0
Grants	<u>15,350</u>
	\$1,025,325

0183 - Bureau of Recreation

Personnel	800,366
Operating	207,550
Capital	<u>0</u>
	\$1,007,916

0184 - Bureau of Parks Maintenance

Personnel	757,972
Operating	339,250
Capital	<u>0</u>
Grants	<u>0</u>
	\$1,097,222

Total Department of Parks and Recreation

Personnel	2,223,068
Operating	892,045
Capital	<u>0</u>
Grants	<u>15,350</u>
Grand Total	\$3,130,463

The City of Harrisburg **Department of Parks and Recreation**

2006 Staff

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Date of Employment

Tina Manoogian-King, Department Director

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Charles Schulz, Special Events Director

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Gloria Giambalvo, Events Marketing Manager**01****02-02-04****Charisse Grayer, Secretary 1****06-02-****00****Michelle Payne, Administrative Assistant I****05-02-05****PARK RANGER CORP****Melvin Jackson, Acting Park Ranger Supervisor****08-04-****97****John Williamson, Park Ranger Supervisor****08-17-98****Jeffrey Snead, Park Ranger Supervisor****04-11-****94****BUREAU OF RECREATION****Margaret Hayes, Recreation Director****03-19-****84****Larry Moore, Deputy Recreation Director****10-05-98 left****10-27-06****Rick Hicks, Sports/ Special Programs Coordinator****10-31-05****Cleveland Wade, Golf Instructor****06-****02-00****Lauren Matteo, Parks and Recreation Assistant****06-02-****00****Rafael Toro, Recreation Program Asst****06-02-****00****BUREAU OF PARKS MAINTENANCE****Russell Corkle, Parks Maintenance Director****08-07-74****Michael Breslin, Assistant Parks Maintenance****Director/ 02-07-05 left 9-22-06****City Island Superintendent****Aaron Johnson, Assistant Parks Maintenance****Director/ 10-30-06**

City Island Superintendent	
Enrique Caraballo, Gardner 1	06-
14-04	
Jacob Caraballo, Laborer III	08-21-
06	
Kenneth Cook, Stadium Groundskeeper	05-04-
98	
Michael Dalton, Gardener I	05-02-
06	
Jesus Gonzalez, Laborer III	05-02-
06	
Todd Herbster, Laborer, Landscape Tech I	05-
08-00	
Mark Horetsky, Crew Leader III	07-11-
94	
Chris Lamon, Laborer III	12-
28-06	
Andrew McClure, Tradesman	06-
24-91	
Carmelo McGarvey, Landscape Tech I	12-12-
06	
Ronald Noss, Construction Tradesmen II	10-
07-87	
Scott Pace, Crew Leader IV	06-17-
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PARK REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mayor's Parks Improvement Program (1983-2006) - Overview

The City of Harrisburg today has the most extensive special events schedule of any municipality in the midstate's history, attracting over two million people per year to a wide range of events sponsored by or facilitated by the City. Many of the events are conducted through the City's Special Events Office, created in 1983 by Executive Order of the Mayor. A number of the special events, such as the Independence Weekend Festival and the summer's end Kipona Celebration, are held at our Riverfront facilities. The City also sponsors or co-sponsors over 266 other special events each year, including the Holiday Parade, the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Essay Contest, Arbor Day

activities, the Mini Grand Prix, Earth Day, the Greater Harrisburg Arts Festival, the New Year's Eve Celebration, Italian Lake, Reservoir Park, Market Square, and Riverfront Concerts, and more.

Harrisburg today also has the most extensive municipal parks system in central Pennsylvania and is the only municipal parks system in this area which plays a regional role, as indicated by the extensive use of city parks, programs, and special events by non-city residents. In contrast, some nearby communities ban non-residents from their municipal parks.

The center for some of the recreational activity is the City's beautiful Riverfront. Situated along the Susquehanna River, the Riverfront offers picturesque scenery accented by the Harrisburg skyline. **Riverfront Park** is a 4.5 mile-long park containing park benches, gardens, a telescopic outlook, the Swenson Plaza, the Kunkel Memorial Plaza, monuments, and public art, which enhance its attractiveness while providing for an enjoyable walk, jog, or bicycle ride. Sunken Gardens, offering gardens and walkways bordered by lighted monuments, is located in the midtown area of Riverfront Park. The gardens have been renovated to include an irrigation system, antique-style streetlights, brick walkways, grading, new flower beds, and new signage. In addition, the Riverfront Peoples Park Association, an independent citizen/community organization, has added to the extensive renovations by donating a gazebo which serves as the centerpiece in the garden. In addition, public art has been added to the peace gardens, located in Riverfront Park, which were created and dedicated in an effort to promote world peace and the preservation of our earth.

ITALIAN LAKE, located in the City's uptown area, was recently restored. Restorations included walkways, antique-style streetlights, gardens, signage, and duck and geese habitats. The restoration maintained the original shorelines and provided for the construction of retaining walls along the northern half of the lake. The southern half, separated from the northern half by a picturesque Japanese bridge, was maintained by preserving the original retaining walls. Italian Lake hosts a splendid summertime concert series featuring chamber and classical music for six weekends during the summer season.

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RESERVOIR PARK is the oldest municipal park in southcentral Pennsylvania and also the largest, containing over 90 acres situated on the highest point in the City. Phase I of renovations at Reservoir Park, completed in 1992, included the rehabilitation of the historic mansion and pavilion, the creation of the Village at Reservoir Park, the restoration of the bandshell, repaved roadways, and the placement of antique-style streetlights, new walkways, fountains, gardens, and plazas. Reservoir Park now has new and restored facilities designed with a particular emphasis on arts, cultural, historic, and environmental education, and conservation themes. Phase I-A, Garden Expansion project, was completed in June, 1993, and includes formal French gardens, drift gardens, lighted walkways, a new boulevard entranceway, parking lot, public area, and outdoor seating. Phase II of Reservoir Park was completed in 1995; improvements include additional gardens, walkways, outdoor lighting, an expanded children's playground, restoration of the Brownstone Building as an arts and education center, complete reconstruction of the basketball and tennis court area, and construction of a new entrance at 18th & Walnut Streets. Planning efforts for Phase III got underway in 1998-99 for the National Civil War Museum which will open in February of 2001. In 2003, Phase IV was completed which involved major renovations to the Reservoir Park Bandshell which was renamed and is now known as the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts. The renovations were made as a result of a \$250,000 gift from Mortimer Levitt of New York City.

CITY ISLAND, the hallmark of Harrisburg's aggressive waterfront development plan, is still only one of 21 sites created or upgraded through the first major citywide parks improvement program in more than sixty years. City Island was a long unused and blighted 63-acre site until 1987, but today hosts such activities as professional minor league baseball, art exhibits, historical displays, and numerous other recreational activities. City Island facilities include: RiverSide Village Park, offering great food which can be enjoyed while dining alfresco at the RiverView Pavilion or at the River Terrace and Decks; the John Harris Trading Post, a replica which depicts life from the early 18th Century; HarbourTown, a miniature 1840s-style canal village which serves as a playground for children; the Pride Of the Susquehanna Riverboat, which can accommodate up to 150 persons for cruises, dinner charters, or scenic river excursions; Harrisburg Marina I and II, which provide boat owners with docks, ramps, gazebo, picnic areas, showers, and parking; Walnut Street Station, a Victorian-style railway station and home base for the City Island Railroad, which offers rides on a miniature steam-driven train; Water Golf, an 18-hole miniature golf course with waterfalls, bridge, and a concession stand; the Beach House, a restored historic structure which houses showers, a concession stand, lavatories, the lifeguard office, and changing areas for the swimmers at City Island beach, and shuffleboard courts located near the entranceway of the building; the Nature Trail, with guided nature walks by Park Rangers available from the City Island Information Center; the Island Breezes, which offers toys, novelties, and, of course, kites; RiverSide Stadium, home of championship AA minor league baseball; the Skyline Sports Complex, a multi-purpose facility built to minor league professional football standards, which hosts soccer, softball, volleyball, football, and lacrosse games, and a myriad of other events and activities; the Harrisburg Carriage House, which offers tours of historic Harrisburg and its beautiful Riverfront by horse-drawn carriage, and also offers pony rides for children; Carousel Field Pavilion, built in 1996, can now accommodate 300-500 persons and is ideal for large corporate picnics, family reunions, or wedding receptions; Bus Trolley service, which provides transportation to and from downtown; and a full size antique Mengels kiddie carousel. Obviously, City Island accommodates a variety of activities in addition to boating, fishing, and swimming off of the only concrete beach in central Pennsylvania.

The Harrisburg Senators, a Class AA professional baseball team, are based at recently-built and already-expanded Riverside Stadium. Their championship 1999 season marked the sixth year of the twenty years that Class AA minor league baseball has been in Harrisburg that the team has been in post-season playoff competition. Attendance for the Senators is ranked in the top third in the Eastern League; they won the championship in their first year, 1987, and again in 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, and again in 1999. In addition to the Harrisburg Senators, the Central Penn Pirahna, semi-professional football team, and the City Islanders, a professional soccer team, use Skyline Sports Complex as their home field.

Other parks which have been considerably upgraded in the past ten years include; **Morrison Park**, which now includes multi-purpose facilities to host competition in football, soccer, softball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, and handball, plus picnics and other activities; **7th and Radnor Streets Field**, rehabilitated in 1993, now includes field lighting, bleacher seating, and a walking track; and **14th and Shoop Streets Playground**, reopened in 1993 after a 7-year closure, now boasts new children's play apparatus, a grass surface (that replaced removed asphalt), lighting, fencing, outdoor seating, and landscaping. Other renovated sites completed in the past eight years include the **Vernon Street Playground**, **Penn and Dauphin Streets Playground**, **Norwood Playground**, **Cloverly Heights Playground**, **Braxton Playground**, **summit Terrace Playground**, **Hall Manor Field**, **Pleasant View Playground**, the **Mt. Pleasant Hispanic American Center**, **Lottsville Playground**, **4th and Emerald Playground**, **Pools #1 and #2**, **Wilson Park Playground**, **Gorgas Playground**, and **4th and**

Dauphin Streets Playground.

Planning efforts commenced in 1998 to rehabilitate three inner-city playgrounds with funding assistance provided by DCNR through the key '93 Grant program; they are Wilson, Norwood, and Shipoke Playgrounds. All three of these inner-city playgrounds were rehabilitated in spring of 1999 and all three were open by June 1, 1999 for the public's enjoyment. In addition, construction activity planned for Swenson Plaza located at Front and Walnut Streets and named after the late Mayor Harold Swenson was completed and dedicated in 1999. The Reverend Clyde Roach Memorial at the north end of Italian Lake as well as \$500,000 worth of improvements in the City's Capital Area Greenbelt were all completed and dedicated in year 2000. All of the planning efforts occurred in 1999 with construction slated in 1999-2000. In 2002, with funding assistance provided from the Benjamin and Gloria Olewine Lead Charitable Trust. We were able to rehabilitate and rename Penn and Dauphin Playgrounds in Mid-town Harrisburg.

In 2002, the Department secured four grants to continue the Mayor's Parks Improvement Program. Three grants were federally funded; two through the National Park Service and one from the Federal Highway Administration Grant and the DCNR grant are for continuation of work undertaken within the Capital Area Greenbelt. We completed the Vernon Street and Braxton playgrounds by August 2003, with work on the Capital Area Greenbelt to be completed by late fall 2005. In 2004, planning efforts got underway for the rehabilitation of Pool #2 playground with funding assistance being provided by the Children's Home Foundation and Penn National Insurance. Pool # 2 Playground was renamed and is now known as Penn National Insurance Pool and Playground and was rehabilitated in July 2005 at a cost of \$70,000.

More than twenty public parks areas have been extensively restored or created under efforts initiated by the Mayor's Parks Improvement Program, established in 1983. Harrisburg's parks system today plays host to hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors each year. City-wide programs at park sites (including playgrounds) include multi-cultural art, environmental education, reading, storytelling, and organized sports such as Biddy Basketball, basketball, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. In addition, Harrisburg created a Park Ranger Corps in 1990. The Park Rangers conduct year-round patrols, traffic control, and public information duties in the major City parks, especially City Island, Reservoir Park, and Italian Lake.

In addition to improving its park system, Harrisburg has been awarded the Tree City USA designation for the past eighteen consecutive years and the Growth Award designation for the second time. These awards, conferred by the National Arbor Day Foundation, honors Harrisburg's environmental policies and particularly those related to tree planting and parks maintenance activities. For every tree removed, three trees are planted somewhere in the City.

In 2006, we completed the planting of more than 108 trees in our parks and neighboring properties thanks to a \$20,000 grant from DCNR's Bureau of Forestry, Urban Forestry Grant Program. The grant was first received in 2004 with plantings completed in 2005-06.

This year the Department garnered a \$111,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission which was matched with \$47,526

City Island Trust and Agency funds for a total of \$158,831, which was utilized to rehabilitate the existing Boat Ramp on City Island. In addition, the mooring area was rebuilt, walkways from parking lot to ramp were constructed, lighting was added and four tie-off areas were incorporated, and embankment was reseeded with vegetation and three trees were planted to assist with embankment stabilization. Launching is to remain free, pursuant to our grant agreement.

In addition, all FEMA related work was completed as it relates to the 2004 Tropical Depression Ivan. Work included embankment stabilization in Riverfront Park and City Island, repairs to two damaged murals, RSVP restroom building was replaced and John Harris Trading Post was refurbished for a total cost of \$372,947.50

MAYOR'S PARKS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Capital Expenditures 1982 – Present

<u>PARK NAME</u>	<u>COST</u>
Reservoir Park: Playground	\$ 163,733
Derno of Pavilion # 3	9,725
Caretaker's House 1987	139,634
Bandshell Repairs 1989, Restoration 1991	14,000
Pavilion Rehabilitation 1990	48,725
Phase I Restoration 1991-1992	2.3 Million
Phase IA Restoration – Garden Expansion 1991 – 1992	1.7 Million
Phase II Restoration – Brownstone Bldg., Playground, Basketball Courts, 18 th & Walnut Streets entrance 1994 – 1995	2.7 Million
Phase III National Civil War Museum	40 Million
Phase IV Restoration of Bandshell – 2003	250,000
 Penn & Sayford Playground Rehabilitation 1985 – 1986	 40,737
 14 th & Shoop – Complete Rehabilitation 1993	 107,088
 Braxton Playground Rehabilitation 1985 – 1986	 39,233
Complete Rehabilitation 2003	118,016
 Pool # 2 Partial Rehabilitation 1987	 124,600
Complete Rehabilitation 1990	198,000
New Deck & Fencing 1993	113,331
New Plaster Finish 1998	64,973
 Penn National Insurance Pool & Playground Rehabilitation (# 2) 2005	 70,000
 Penn & Dauphin Playground New Apparatus 1982	 8,644

Complete Rehabilitation 1991	39,987
Gorgas Playground 1982	2,644
1990 – 19991	37,930
Vernon Street Playground Rehabilitation 1983 – 1984	34,500
Complete Rehabilitation 2003	160,935
Royal/Summit Terrace 1983 – 1984	48,600
Clarence C. Morrison (Sunshine Park) 1984	103,188
Partial Rehabilitation/Restroom Building 1989	18,700
Complete Rehabilitation	477,075
Spanish Speaking Center: Playground 1982	59,207
Basketball Courts 1982	20,000
Playground Rehabilitation 1994	27,000
Hall Manor Playgrounds 1987	140,000
1989	25,000
Pleasantview Playground Phase I 1989	12,777
Phase II 1990	3,000
Phase III 1991	19,000
Wilson Park Playground Phase I 1987 -1988	12,878
Phase II 1989	17,552
Complete Rehabilitation (1999)	81,334
4 th and Dauphin Playground (Basketball Courts) 1989	4,000
7 th and Radnor Phase I 1989	9,700
Phase II 1990	12,300
Phase III 1991	209,055
Pool # 1 Rehab 1988-89	182,000
Pool # 1 Deck Work & Cover	52,970
Sunken Garden Phase I 1989	30,200
Phase II 1990	23,700
Phase III 1991	38,950
Riverfront Park	
Uplighting & Walkways 1989	350,000
Swenson Plaza 1999	250,059

Walkway uplighting and electrical improvements	350,000	
Embankment restoration	1.5 Million	
Kunkle Memorial 1992	1.2 Million	
Norwood Playground		
1989 Partial Rehabilitation	23,900	
1999 Complete Rehabilitation	93,486	
Shipoke Playground		
1999 Complete Rehabilitation	90,428	
Cloverly Heights Playground 1989	17,500	
City Island: (1987 to Present)		
RiverSide Stadium Phase I	2.2 Million	
Phase II	2,417,863	
Phase III	512,695	
Carriage House	480,000	
RiverSide Village	350,000	
Marina	80,000	
Bathhouse	235,000	
Skyline Sports Complex	2.6 Million	
Other Waterfront New Facilities	3.2 Million	
Carousel Pavilion 1996	260,000	
Handicap Lot (1 st base side) 1997	14,000	
Boat Ramp Rehabilitation 2006		158,832
Ivan Flood repairs 2006 (completed)	372,948	
Italian Lake		
Phase I 1989 – 1990	315,000	
Phase II Walkway 1991 – 1992	445,318	
Reverend Roach Memorial	25,000	
4 th and Dauphin Playground 1996	150,674	
4 th and Emerald Playground (Curb and Sidewalks) 1989	16,000	
4 th and Emerald Playground (Complete Rehabilitation) 1990 –1991	37,545	
Lottsville Playground – New Construction 1991	38,205	
Park Maintenance Complex 1991 – 1992	1.2 Million	
Capital Area Greenbelt (2000)	500,000	
Total	\$ 69,849,133	

Waterfront improvements were funded by the Harrisburg Hydroelectric Project, these funds could not be legally spent at non-waterfront park improvements.

HARRISBURG CITY CALENDAR REPORT

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

2006 Publications Annual Report

Publications produced, printed and distributed by the Harrisburg Parks and Recreation Department are designed to promote the City, ~~it's~~its programs, events and improving lifestyle.

With that credo in mind the Harrisburg City Calendar underwent major changes commencing ~~in 2004~~in 2004. The department changed Publication Directors and with that came a change in the production, distribution and the visual look of all the publications.

Harrisburg City Calendar

The primary publication is the Harrisburg City Calendar. In 2004, the Harrisburg City Calendar underwent a total facelift. The production of the publication was computerized in order to increase efficiency and aid in the design. The publication was redesigned to increase readability and to compete visually with other publications in the greater Harrisburg market. Community and event news were

combined to increase the readership and to give a total picture of all the good things that are happening in Harrisburg. Starting with the 2004 the 2004 April issue ~~approximately 16,242~~ approximately 16,242 were mailed to city residents.

Over the years, continued Calendar improvements have made us one of the largest publications in the Harrisburg area with a distribution of 33,400 copies per month in 2005. With the changes in design our readership has increased and in distribution locations all the copies are picked up and we receive calls for more.

During the last 12 months, ~~33,400 City~~ 33,400 City Calendars were produced each month at a cost of ~~\$7,000 for~~ 7,000 for 12 pages, and ~~-\$11,000 for~~ 11,000 for 20 pages, including the annual Summer Enrichment Recreation Guide. Of the 33,400 issues, ~~18,650 were~~ 18,650 were labeled and mailed for ~~\$5,200 each~~ 5,200 each month, 2,400 were included in monthly mailings from the Mayor's Office and 8,600 were distributed at over 100 public locations in Harrisburg, and surrounding communities. Paid advertising totaled approximately \$12,000 for the year. In 2006, 400,800 Harrisburg City Calendars were printed and distributed at a cost of approximately \$.38 each.

PARK RANGER CORP
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Park Ranger Corp Program

The City of Harrisburg has continued to undertake extensive development of new recreational facilities while rehabilitating many existing parks, playgrounds, and open space areas. As a result of this financial investment, means to promote, preserve, and protect these improvements are absolutely necessary if these facilities are to remain intact for future generations to enjoy. Our plan to protect while simultaneously promoting these facilities includes the continuance of the Park Ranger Corp Program, created by Mayor Stephen R. Reed via Executive Order in 1990. The purpose of this program is to promote and protect City parks and park improvements through constant park patrols, with the Rangers also serving as ambassadors for Harrisburg's extensive park system.

The Harrisburg Park Rangers currently work out of two locations: City Island and Reservoir Park. City Island is the location of the original Park Ranger station which was constructed in 1989 while Reservoirs Park's office was constructed in 1995 under Reservoir Park Phase II. Both offices are staffed on a regular basis. When not in the office, Rangers patrol all of Harrisburg's 27 parks and playgrounds. If needed, you can contact either office (City Island 233-8275 or Reservoir Park 232-7749) or you may call the Police Communications Center at 255-3131 and ask them to dispatch a Park Ranger to any city owned park needing assistance.

In an ongoing effort to meet the Park Ranger Program's mission, with a staff complement of one chief Park Ranger, 2 full-time Park

Ranger supervisors, and 9 part-time Park Rangers we are now able to increase park patrols and provide increased park security for the citizens of Harrisburg. Park Rangers have 4 marked vehicles and 2 golf carts which provide the means to transport staff from one site to another.

Park Ranger Corp members worked diligently during 22 hour shifts, 7 days per week, year-round, to patrol and protect all of Harrisburg's parks, playgrounds, and open space areas. A total of 48 hours of intensive training at the Harrisburg Area Community College's Public Safety Institute provided critical skills for all Rangers ranging from first aid to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation to courtroom procedures.

Armed with professional training and knowledge, the Park Rangers issued 322 parking tickets, and handled 13 non-traffic citations leading to arrests based on Park Ordinances defined by Section 10-301 of the City's Codified Ordinances. The combined enforcement duties, coupled with interpretive programming carried out by the Park Rangers, have culminated in the Corp's ability to effectively promote, preserve, and protect Harrisburg's flourishing park system.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT **OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

SPECIAL EVENTS OVERVIEW

The City of Harrisburg continues to be Central Pennsylvania's leader in special events by staging quality events not just for the citizens of Harrisburg, but also for the entire region. This is accomplished by producing annual favorites such as the American MusicFest, Kipona, the Harrisburg Holiday Parade (which is also televised on WHTM TV 27), and our M&T Bank Harrisburg New Year's Eve Celebration. In addition, the City works closely with local event organizers to stage events such as the Greater Harrisburg Arts Festival, African Family Festival, the Harrisburg Shakespeare Festival and the Levitt Pavilion For The Performing Arts. The City of Harrisburg is committed to helping ensure the long-term success of special events and recreational opportunities, thus benefiting everyone in the entire region.

Our 2006

-figures show an attendance decrease of 37,300 guests, or 1.98%, over 2005. The decrease was due to adverse weather. Even though many events around the region saw a decrease due to inclement weather, improved advertising and greater public access increased public participation in all City produced events. The Parks and Recreation Department has continued the evolution of its partnerships and co-sponsorships with other major event producers in the region in order to offer as many diverse and appealing events as possible. In 2006 the estimated attendance for all events held in Harrisburg, including the year round recreational program participants, to 2,581,975.

Banner fees in 2006 showed decrease from 2005 revenue due to differences in the number of weeks that individual banners were displayed. The total park permit/banner fees revenue decreased by \$1,122 from 2005 or 16%. This was due, in part, to inclement weather and damage caused by numerous severe storms during the year. Park Permit fees do not include revenue from City Island or Riverfront Park permits. (See the City Island Superintendent's report for these figures.)

Total revenues for 2006 increased \$28,874 or 6% over the 2005 total. The 2006 increase came mostly from increased sponsorships of City Special Events and improved festival merchandise sales.

In conclusion, 2006 suffered as a result of inclement weather yet the quality of entertainment, increased public accessibility, sponsorship support, business partnerships and citizen participation grew despite Mother Nature. We expect this growth trend to continue into 2007 and well beyond. By raising the standards for event quality and employing creative marketing strategies, each event will continue to receive accolades from the event industry, sponsors, visitors and, most importantly, the citizenry of Harrisburg.

EVENT SUMMARIES

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING ESSAY COMPETITION

The Martin Luther King Essay Competition is an academic event commemorating the life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The competition is open to students in the seventh through twelfth grades in the Harrisburg School District, six parochial schools and one charter school. It is designed to increase youth awareness of the teachings and goals of the late civil rights leader.

Entries are submitted voluntarily, and winners are eligible for U.S. Savings Bonds and other prizes for the top three selected essays in each grade. All entries are reviewed and selected by a panel of judges comprised of local elected officials, educators, and community leaders. Eighteen winning essays are published in an annual edition that is distributed to school principals, teachers, program sponsors, media and the students and their families. Essay authors are invited to a reception in their honor at the Martin Luther King City Government Center. At this event the first place winners read their essays to the assembled audience.

AMERICAN MUSICFEST

The Harrisburg American MusicFest is the state's largest Independence Weekend Music Festival. This year's festival was severely impacted by adverse weather conditions and flooding which caused the cancellation of 2 1/2 days of the 4 day festival. The 2006 festival supported four stages along Riverfront Park, all featuring non-stop music by local, regional, national, and international artists. Belco again sponsored the very popular Belco Children's Village that featured theatre, educational activities, arts & crafts, and children's rides. The Caribbeon Cove Stage and River Café area featured a variety of ethnic foods and themed talent, including Steel Drum, the Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band and Reggae artists. The Coca-Cola Community Stage presented a wide variety of youth, folk and acoustic performers in an intimate food court setting. In addition to the music, food and activities enjoyed my hundreds of thousands along Riverfront Park, sporting events and additional family activities held on City Island were enjoyed by thousands. A "Gala Fireworks Extravaganza", concluded the festival, per tradition, on July 4th. Released from City Island, the show amazed and awed hundreds of thousands of citizens, visitors and neighbors who witnessed the display from both sides of the Susquehanna River, from river craft and from several bridges.

Despite the cancellation of 2 Festival days, attendance remained high due to the appearance of "The Beach Boys" on July 4th. This performance presented on a giant stage at the Northern End of the festival area within Riverfront Park near Forester Street was underwritten by a generous grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, DCED.5.

THE ITALIAN LAKE CONCERT SERIES

Set among the beautifully restored Renaissance gardens of Italian Lake, the concert series, which forms a musical bridge between American MusicFest and Kipona entertainment, featured a wide variety of musical talent. This year a tent was erected over the bandstand area that protected performers from the elements while at the same time drawing greater attention to the performance area. Electrical connections at the lake were improved this year to allow for the use of more powerful sound reinforcement equipment which was necessitated by the increased concert attendance. An estimated 500 to 1,000 people attended each of the six concerts on Sunday evenings, July 9th through August 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Artists included the Central Dauphin High School Jazz Band, The Arcona Reel Band, The Harrisburg Concert Band, SIORA World Jazz Ensemble, The Keystone Concert Band and Special Tribute To Mozart's 250th Anniversary featuring Odin Rathnam on violin and Kathleen Torchia, soprano. Performances were underwritten by a grant from The Pennsylvania Council on The Arts.

KIPONA

Kipona is Central Pennsylvania's largest annual end of summer festivals. It is also one of the oldest annual festivals in the Nation. Kipona (which means "sparkling water" in Native American language) was named one of the top ten festivals in the state by the Pennsylvania Festivals Association. In 2006, Kipona Riverfront Park anchors included five entertainment stages, two-block long food court, the ever popular Belco Children's Village, featuring children's rides, activities and educational presentations and the PSECU ArtFest. Featured again this year in Riverfront Park, was the one-day State Chili Cook-Off that drew thousands of fans to sample and vote for their favorite cooks. New this year, was the Pennsylvania Preferred Best Chef of Pennsylvania competition held over two days on the Liberty Cove Stage. In addition to the Riverfront Park festival activities, The 10th Annual Gathering Of The People, Spirit Of The People POW-WOW attracted thousands to the lush western side of City Island. This Native American celebration of life, praise and thanksgiving is an educational journey into the native dances, music, and customs of Harrisburg's first citizens. Also during Kipona, drag boat and canoe races, the Annual March of Dimes Rubber Duck Regatta and Capital City Bassmasters & Leukemia/Lymphoma Society 2006 Bass Classic find a home on and in the Susquehanna River itself. The South Front Street stretch of Riverfront Park is traditionally reserved for the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council's "PSECU Artfest" arts and crafts festival featuring high-quality creations by skilled artists and crafters from across the nation. The festival is highlighted by a fireworks display comparable to or larger than the gala display that ends the American Musicfest July 4th festival. In 2006, fireworks were again launched on Sunday evening to make them more accessible for school-age youngsters and their parents who will be busy preparing for the start of school at the end of the Monday holiday.

THE HARRISBURG HOLIDAY PARADE

The City of Harrisburg's 2006 Holiday Parade marked the start of the 2006 Thanksgiving-Hanukkah-Christmas-Kwanzaa-New Year Season in the Greater Harrisburg Region. This year's parade took place on November 18th at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Harrisburg. This parade was once an annual tradition that came to a close years ago, and was begun anew by Mayor Reed in 1986. Since that time the parade has grown to become the region's largest holiday parade. Over \$7,500 in appearance monies and cash prizes were awarded to the top five entries in five categories of parade competition. The City-sponsored and produced parade is also a sanctioned competition of the high school Cavalcade of Bands, which produces judged competitions for high school marching bands all over the United States. The 2006 Holiday Parade theme was "What The Holidays Mean To Me" and featured over 2,500 marchers in 131 parade units, including giant helium filled balloons, youth marching units, over a dozen marching bands, and scores of commercial and non-profit floats, fire trucks and the first official appearance of Santa Claus in the region. This year's Parade was underwritten by over 19 major sponsors, including WHTM abc27, representing over \$50,000 in support.

On-air personalities from WHTM Television, abc27, emceed the Parade, which was videotaped for rebroadcast at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day on WHTM and throughout the week on Harrisburg's own television station, WHBG. The Harrisburg Holiday Parade is the only mid-state holiday parade to gain televised status, thus allowing those unable to attend the parade in person to still enjoy the high quality, holiday entertainment production. Parade winners were announced and presented with their trophies in the Strawberry Square Atrium at 1:00 p.m. that same day. The parade again featured a Military Division. Mayor Reed added this new division in 2005 to honor both the past and present men and women of America's Armed forces. With Veterans' Day only 8 days earlier, the Holiday Parade served as the perfect venue to recognize present military and veteran military personnel for their selfless sacrifice and dedication to America's freedom. This Division was comprised of active duty military, reserve and Guard units, as well as veterans' groups.

THE M&T BANK HARRISBURG NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

The annual M&T Bank New Year's Eve Celebration featured a variety of live musical entertainment, food, hot drinks, jugglers, carriage rides, a fireworks display, and the dropping of a giant lighted strawberry at midnight to the delight of the crowds inside the City Government Center and outside on Market Square. The event was planned to include various downtown and midtown restaurants and the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. Despite inclement weather, the 2006 event hosted thousands of guests in Market Square and was well received by the general public and tourists alike. The popular ground-level fireworks display, first launched in 2004, was repeated this year bringing the spectacular pyrotechnic show into the midst of the crowd and again winning great approval from all in attendance.

Event	2004	2005	2006
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ESSAY COMPETITION	2,500 #	2,500 #	2,500 #
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE	10,000 #	10,000 #	10,000 #

ARTS FESTIVAL	150,000 *	200,000	250,000
ARMED FORCES DAY	20,000	35,000	40,000
AMERICAN MUSICFEST	400,000 #	450,000	400,000 *
LEVITT PAVILION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS	23,123	24,000 *	24,000 *
ITALIAN LAKE CONCERT SERIES	7,500	8,000 *	6,000 *
KIPONA	400,000 #	450,000	400,000 *
HARRISBURG SENATOR'S BASEBALL	255,978	260,900	270,800
HARRISBURG HOLIDAY PARADE	357,000 #	400,000 #	400,000 #
CITY HALL HOLIDAY PROGRAM	100	200	- 0 -
NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u> *	<u>25,000</u> *
TOTALS	1,688,701	1,865,600	1,828,300
AUTHORIZED PARK PERMIT ATTENDANCE	<u>278,034</u> @	<u>260,500</u> *	<u>250,500</u> *
GRAND TOTALS	1,966,735	2,126,100	2,078,800

* - Denotes severe rain, heat, flooding or wind that would have had an adverse effect on event attendance.

- Includes television audience.

@ - Number represents people using a park in an organized event. Number does not include people using the park system as guests, runners, walkers, and passive use.

HARRISBURG CITY PARK SYSTEM EVENT ATTENDANCE

Our 2006 figures show an attendance decrease of approximately 40,000 guests, or 1.98%, from 2005. The decrease is due to the adverse effect of weather, rain and severe heat indexes. This decrease occurred despite the expansion and further development of all events and the continued development of media partnerships that included live and taped broadcasting of events, in part or as a whole, via media partners and the City's own WHBG-TV. American MusicFest and Kipona festivals experienced adverse weather conditions and flooding despite additional themed talent and activities. The Italian Lake concert series was expanded from 5 to 6 Sundays and was also impacted by adverse

weather and severe heat indexes. Improved advertising and greater public access helped to keep public participation in all City produced events stable. The Parks and Recreation Department has continued the evolution of its partnerships and co-sponsorships with other major event producers in the region in order to offer as many diverse and appealing events as possible.

PARK PERMITS	2004	2005	2006
(Does not include Riverfront Park or City Island Permits)	845	750*	339*

In 2006, we issued 339 park permits to citizens for exclusive use of the City's parks and playgrounds. This number is less than those issued in 2005 due to a number of heavy storms and to the adherence to permit regulations prohibiting permit holders from reserving the dates (rain date) and paying for only one. The above figures do not include City Island or Riverfront Park permits.

BANNER PERMITS	2004	2005	2006
	15	21	16

During 2006, the Department issued 19 banner-posting permits for the one location across Front Street at Forster St. Revenue from permits for non-City sponsored events totaled \$1,500.

PARK PERMIT AND BANNER POSTING FEES	2004	2005	2006
Park Permits	\$6,095	\$5,040	4,118
Banner Posting Fees	\$1,480	\$1,700	1,500
Total - Park permit/Banner Fees	\$7,575	\$6,740	5,618

Park Permit fees do not include revenue from City Island or Riverfront Park permits. (See the City Island Superintendent's report for these figures.) Total-park permit/banner fees decreased by \$1,122 from 2005 revenue, due in part to inclement weather, flooding and excessive heat indexes during summer months. This represented a 16% decrease.

SPECIAL EVENT VENDOR REVENUES	2004	2005	2006
American MusicFest	\$ 55,342	\$ 40,395	\$ 16,875 *
Kipona Celebration	\$ 34,687	\$ 35,065	\$ 30,275

Total	\$ 90,029	\$ 75,460	\$ 47,150
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These figures include revenues from food, crafts and Belco Children's Village vendors. Vendor revenues which had shown a small steady increase over the past three years which was set back this year by the cancellation of 2 1/2 days of the American MusicFest and heavy rain on the first day of Kipona.

SPONSORSHIPS

Event	2003	2004	2005	2006
Martin Luther King Essay Contest	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
American Musicfest	\$139,653	\$190,278	\$192,270	\$189,000 **
Italian Lake Concert Series	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Jazz Under The Stars				\$ 5,000
Kipona Celebration	\$ 54,500	\$110,833	\$127,006	\$146,000
Holiday Parade	\$ 3,000	\$ 19,225	\$ 23,250	\$ 28,900
New Year's Eve	\$ 33,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 44,500	\$ 47,000
Total	\$235,153	\$361,336	\$392,026	\$420,900

SALES ITEM REVENUES	2003	2004	2005	2006
	\$ 1,510	\$ 3,828	\$ 6,079	\$ 5,127

During 2006, revenue from festival merchandise sales decreased slightly due to adverse weather and flooding that affected both festivals. As in years past, a great deal of sales success was due to the Dept. of Parks and Recreation partnership with non-profit groups who supplied members as sales staff at festival events.

In 2006, sponsor revenue increased by \$28,874. This figure represents a 6% increase over 2005 sponsorship dollars.

* Revenue after \$17,275 Food Vendor refunds for cancelled Festival days.

** Does not include \$125,000 DCED Grant underwriting the Beach Bys performance at American MusicFest.

TOTAL REVENUE (SUMMARY)	2003	2004	2005	2006
Park Permit	\$ 6,132	\$ 6,095	\$ 5,040	\$ 4,118
Banner Fees	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,500
Vendor Revenues	\$ 86,687	\$ 90,029	\$ 75,460	\$ 47,150
Sales Items	\$ 1,510	\$ 3,828	\$ 6,079	\$ 5,618
Sponsorships	\$235,153	\$361,336	\$392,026	\$420,900
Total	\$330,962	\$462,768	\$480,305	\$479,286

Total revenues for 2006 decreased by only \$1,019 or .2% then the total revenues for 2005. The 2006 decrease was due to the cancellation of Festival days due to severe weather conditions and flooding.

BUREAU OF RECREATION

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Overview

In 2006, the Bureau of Recreation proudly offered year-round recreation programming for the twenty-second consecutive year since 1984 with the major theme, “Respect is the Key That Opens All Doors.” This theme stressed making the appropriate and correct choices in all areas of life through positive, fun-filled, educational, cultural, and sports/fitness-related programming; programming that will expose inner-city youth, in particular, to experiences that will broaden their horizons and build their confidence and self-esteem; thus, setting the stage for their development into positive, motivated, young adults. In addition to the traditional games, sports and fitness workshops, clinics, and leagues, many new games and water activities such as snorkeling, and anger and stress management programs were offered. A boys and girls basketball league was offered for participants of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, whether they resided in the City or not. Nine of the most popular traditional and new programs which attracted thousands of new participants and observers were The Black History Showcase of Talent, with its auditions, the Fishing Derby, the continuation of an ongoing Dance Class, The Black History Month Gala, playground activity days, summer sports and cultural workshops, Kickboxing, and Cardio-Step Classes. With the twenty-second consecutive year of year-round programming, the credible image of the Bureau continued to grow and further establish it as the local leader in recreation programming and activities in the community. The annual participation figure in all programs for 2006 was 503,175 from 606,800 in 2005. This 17% decrease was due in part to a very hot and rainy summer, the loss of a Fall Program in conjunction with the School District Explore Program, and the cancellation of holiday projects and Black History Month Showcase auditions and rehearsals.

Both traditional programs and new activities were organized with specific goals in mind to continue to maintain the very credible reputation of the Bureau to offer safe, positive, fun-filled educational, and culturally-diverse, programs at clean, attractive, well-maintained facilities for very minimal registration fees or for no cost at all. The goals consistently set forth each year to guide the Bureau are the following:

1. To enrich the quality of life in the community by providing pleasurable and constructive leisure opportunities for residents of all ages, backgrounds, and socio economic classes.
2. To contribute to the physical, emotional, and social growth, health, and development of participants through various recreational experiences.
3. To prevent or minimize destructive uses of leisure time, such as gang behavior and drug abuse, by offering young people desirable and enjoyable alternatives

4. To meet the needs of special populations by guaranteeing access to recreation programs on an integrated basis in the community.
5. To expand cultural experiences in the community by offering courses, special events and field trips in the multi-ethnic/native arts, fine arts, and performing arts.
6. To provide safety and vocational training and counseling for the Recreation Bureau Program participants and staff.

With the Bureau's goals to guide programming and with input and new ideas from the staff and the community each year, programs were organized and underwritten with funding from the General Fund (\$1,007,916 in 2006) and corporate sponsorships, grants, and in-kind products (\$240,400 in 2005). The Bureau's activities were supervised by three (3) permanent management employees, a Recreation Director, a Deputy Recreation Director, a Special/Sports Program Coordinator and 4 bargaining unit employees. Other positions, from 35-150 in numbers, according to the season, were part-time employees. In June, 2006, one bargaining unit employee resigned and the Deputy Recreation Director was laid-off due to budgetary cut-backs.

Recreation Bureau Funding Sources

General Fund - 2006

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Personnel Services	\$ 800,366	
Operating Expenses		\$ 207,550
Capital Outlay	\$ 0	
TOTALS		\$1,007,916
		(\$ 935,628 in 2005) (7 % increase)
Grants, Corporate Sponsorships, In-kind Services and Products		
Harrisburg Parks Partnership (Golf)	\$ 10,000	
Soccer Equipment/Clinics	\$ 10,000	
Tennis In-kind Donations	\$ 5,000	
School District Rentals – waived	\$ 20,000	
Giant Summer Camps	\$ 3,000	
McDonald's Coupons	\$ 2,000	
City Island Fun Day – Donation used for Fish Derby	\$ 1,800	
Volleyball Donated Prizes	\$ 15,000	
Am. Bus. Women's Drama Circus Tickets	\$ 2,000	

Donated Golf Equipment	\$	15,000		
Golf Greens & Driving Range Fees	\$	20,000		
Youth Sports Photo Donation	\$	100		
City Island Clinics – Soccer	\$	2,000		
Caps, Mittens, and Scarves Donations	\$	300		
Egg Hunt/Give-aways	\$	5,000		
			Black History Showcase	\$ 65,000
Fishing Derby – Brochure Printing/Prizes	\$	5,000		
Homeless Program	\$	6,000		
 TOTAL		 \$ 187,200		
		(22 % decrease from \$240,400 in 2005)		

Winter 2006 – Program Participation Figures

Indoor Recreation Sites-General Recreation Activities organized with the Explore Program in the City schools was suspended for the Winter Program cycle due to severe budgetary constraints. Programs listed below were miscellaneous programs offered during winter months that were not part of a Winter Program which was cancelled.

Special Classes, Programs, Activities, and Trips

CPR/First Aid Courses	=	1,200
Table Tennis (Boys and Girls Clubs-17 th & Hanover)	=	3,200
Penn State Job Fair	=	1,000
Black History Showcase (Artists, audience, TV)	=	45,000
Soccer Instruction and Indoor games, Practices (previously funded with corporate donations)	=	2,000
Mansion Black History Art Exhibit	=	600
Hamilton School Art Exhibit	=	7,500
Egg Hunt participants, parent, staff, volunteers	=	4,000
Egg Hunt Handouts and Eggs and Candy	=	35,000
Black History Gala	=	500
Black History National Civil War Museum Program	=	700
Instructional Dance Classes/Showcase Rehearsals	=	2,000
		 =102,700

2006 Winter Participation Total = 102,700 (23.8 % increase from 82,900 in 2005)

Winter Recreation Program

Highlights

Black History Special Events – The fourteenth Annual Black History Month Community Art Exhibit organized by the Art Association of Harrisburg and the Parks and Recreation Department was held February 1 to March 31 at the Reservoir Park Mansion. In addition, as in previous years, Mr. Jerome Williams organized the Black History Month Student Art Exhibit from Hamilton Elementary School, which is traditionally exhibited in the Government Center Atrium in February and March. Also, the Bureau organized the Eighth Annual Black History Showcase of Talent to a standing-room-only crowd at the Forum. To help raise money for the Showcase, the Seventh Black History Month Gala was organized at the Hilton Hotel. Five hundred community members attended the semi-formal dance in January to kick-off Black History Month activities. Activities repeated from last year included adult panelists that visited elementary school to discuss Harrisburg when they were young. The cast of the Black History Month Showcase visited Lincoln School to perform a pre-show for the students in the evening. Black History videos and speakers were scheduled at the Brownstone for the general public. Lastly, an historical program focusing on “African American Historians of Harrisburg” was organized at the National Civil War Museum. The program was free to the public and attracted a record crowd of over 700 visitors.

Annual Egg Hunt – The Touch radio station, for the thirteenth year, collaborated with the Department to attract over 4,000 children and parents to Reservoir Park to hunt eggs, visit costumed characters and clowns, visit petting zoos, meet Park C. Squirrel, and take home treat bags, candy, and seed gardens. For the seventh year, pony rides, The Funky Bunny, and The Bishop McDevitt Face Painters were a part of the day’s activities.

Park Clean-ups – In April, when the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designated a “Keep PA Clean Day,” volunteers from the community, neighborhoods, or City agencies volunteered to clean Reservoir Park by picking up trash, weeding, and spreading tan-bark. This year ARC’s Mulberry House Agency again assisted the Department. Following the clean up, an outdoor lunch was served at no cost to the volunteers at the rear Mansion.

Soccer – Indoor programs in this sport were held at Sport City to offer beginner instruction and continuous skill sessions until late spring when summer sessions would be scheduled in the city parks.

Job/Intern Fairs – Employees of the Recreation Bureau attended one job fair in the area to attract new seasonal employees, permanent jobs as they arise, and volunteers. The fair attended was sponsored by Penn State Capital Campus.

2006 Summer Program

The Summer Program with the theme “Respect is the Key That Opens All Doors” was a great success in 2006, achieving a total participation figure of 374,100. This was a 22.9% decrease over the 2005 figure of 485,300. Preparation for the Summer Program, as in previous years,

began in March with the hiring of staff and the purchase of equipment and materials for the months of June, July, and August. The program was organized into three units: playgrounds and related activities, sports leagues and clinics, and aquatics.

Playgrounds and Related Special Events and Trips – Highlights and Achievements

Playground Orientation and Training – To prepare the full and part-time staff for their assignments with the best knowledge of valid safety procedures, the Department ran its own two week long training and orientation sessions for Activity Specialists and Recreation Leaders, I, II, and III. In addition, CPR/First Aid Certification was required for full-time staff and the Recreation III Leaders who acted as supervisors at each playground.

Playgrounds – Sixteen playgrounds were open with lunches served on fifteen of them from June 19-August 10. Three to six City staff were placed on playgrounds to implement the programs and act as liaisons to the neighborhood. In addition, activity specialists introduced arts and crafts projects, new games such as Koosh ball, fitness games, stress and anger management exercises, and nutrition programs, with “hands-on” fitness cooking and snack classes, at the Brownstone. Also, repeated this summer was a series of Activity Days at 7th and Radnor Field and Morrison Park. Special visitors and activities were organized with groups of playgrounds participating and competing against each other in tournaments and games. This allowed the participants to have fun, taught them to be positive with their bodies and minds, and interact and cooperate with youth outside their neighborhoods. Environmental programs and inter-action with special population youth from the Easter Seals organization exposed the City youth to a wide-range of new, fun-filled, positive experiences. In addition to the community and neighborhood children who were serviced at the playgrounds, many daycare agencies, special population groups and individuals with “Wrap-around” youth daily attended our playgrounds and programs. The playground program ended in August with a very successful Romper Week in a four-day special format. The first two days all playgrounds competed in a Track Meet and field day, and the third and fourth days all playgrounds went roller-skating, and swimming and received snacks and treats from the Parks and Recreation Department. The staffed playgrounds in 2006 were the following; the Hispanic Center chose not to participate for the second summer in the Department’s program, with the appointment of a new director.

Wm. Howard Day/Morrison Park	14th and Shoop
Penn and Sayford	Royal Terrace
Penn and Dauphin	Wilson Park
Gorgas	Vernon Street
4th and Emerald	Pool #2
4th and Dauphin	Cloverly Heights
Lottsville	Reservoir Park
19th and Forster-Pleasantview	Norwood

Playground participation figures were down from 2005 due to 1) very hot days, 2) some rainy days, 3) school academy sites were not funded, and 4th of July Holiday fell on a Tuesday resulted in two “closed” days for staff and playground participants.

2005 Playground and Summer School Academy Participation Figure 191,000;

2006 = 150,000 (21.4% decrease)

Summer Leagues, Clinics, Carnivals - Highlights and Achievements

Activity Days – The special carnival-styled programs were scheduled four times during the summer at Morrison Park and 7th and Radnor Field. Included in the multiple playgrounds scheduled activities were reading sessions by literacy volunteers, nutritional snacks, parachute games, basketball, races, foosball, and double dutch rope jumping. Cooperation and competition among participants and staff from multiple playgrounds taught many important life skills.

Aerobics – Toning and Floor Classes with the traditional Low-impact Aerobics continued to be popular free attractions to ladies and gentlemen looking for walk-in exercise programs of medium intensity. Both classes were scheduled in the City-owned, air-conditioned Brownstone Building, which kept the cost of the programs minimal for the Recreation Bureau and free to the participants. Kickboxing and cardio-step classes, with the new Body Sculpting, also attracted the “in-shape” participants for high intensity workouts. The new Pilates/Yoga class also proved to be popular and successful. An innovative gliding class was additionally introduced as a new offering during the summer.

Track – As in previous years, the Department sponsored the local Hershey Track and Field Program, organized local winners to attend the District Hershey Meet, and sent a group of local youth to the State Meet in State College. In addition, the Department organized practices at the John Harris Field two nights per week and traveled with these participants to numerous all-call meets in Gettysburg, Millersville, and Carlisle.

Basketball – The Department did sponsor a youth female and male basketball league during the summer months. In addition, energy and funds were channeled to boys and girls camps. Traditionally, the Over-18 Women League was organized with eight teams playing at Bishop McDevitt High School. Prizes of tee shirts and trophies were awarded to individual players on the Championship and Runner-up teams. In addition, the Recreation Bureau co-sponsored the Ujima Teen League organized by Kaaba Brunson and Destry Mangus by underwriting the cost of the league tee shirts and referees.

Tennis – Free summer tennis activities for youth were scheduled at three (3) sites throughout the City; Reservoir Park, Morrison Park, and John Harris High School, M-F from June through August, concluded in a City-youth tournament with trophies being awarded to the top players in three age groups. Adult lessons were offered at John Harris for eight weeks with a minimal cost being charged. The second, adult tennis program attracted over 90 people to HACC for the Harrisburg Open Tennis Tournament.

Junior Golf – The Harrisburg Junior Golf Program was the most extensive ever in its 11th year as part of the Summer Parks and Recreation Program. The Summer Program ran from June to August. Youth ages 6-16 participated in a deluxe, yet totally free, junior golf program thanks to the City, the Harrisburg Parks Partnership and a \$15,000 grant from the United States Golf Assoc. Foundation for the fifth year.

During the summer, City youth could attend sessions Monday through Friday from 9-noon in Reservoir Park for free instruction. As part of that program, youth also visited golf courses or driving ranges, or both, each week as part of the program. In addition, these same participants attended a golf clinic and played golf with corporate sponsors at the Mayor's Annual Golf Outing in August at Sunset Golf Course. The junior golfers received free shirts, hats, and, in some cases, free golf clubs and trophies.

Soccer – Soccer success in the summer is evidenced by a number of different programs. Free soccer demonstrations for beginners were scheduled at each of the sixteen playgrounds. Playground youth and the community youth were also invited to a free one-week day camp at 7th and Radnor Field for all levels of play. Again, the Dauphin County Agency on Drug and Alcohol helped underwrite the cost of the clinic; City Islander players and Parks and Recreation staff acted as instructors for the week-long day clinic. Shirts, water bottles, and balls were given to all the attendees compliments of the Department and Dauphin County. If the youth wished to attend free evening soccer sessions at three fields in the evenings from June to August, they could also participate in these sessions, free of charge, to receive additional instruction or practice their skills. In August or earlier, the youth were encouraged to register for fall teams with the Harrisburg Youth Soccer Club. Team registration costs are minimal since the cost of the teams is partially underwritten by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Harrisburg Parks Partnership, and private donations from the Mark Brezler Memorial Golf Classic.

Volleyball – Volleyball on City Island has grown in the last ten years to boast the largest participation figures in the State and possibly the nation for a schedule of sand league games and sand tournaments. Last year, the league had over 220 teams and over 800 participants. Two tournaments were popular and were scheduled on the major holiday weekends.

Summer/Sports/Arts Camps – Giant Foods, Inc., helped sponsor a series of seven (7) one (1) week summer day camps free to City youth. Camps included the following and were very successful: football, cheerleading, drama/ dance, ladies basketball, boy's basketball, wrestling, martial arts, and baseball. Tee shirts, certificates, and trophies were given to each participant.

Summer Computer Classes – Computer classes were offered to each staffed playground for a one-week period. Classes of 20 youth visited the Brownstone to learn the basics of computer music programs. At the end of the week, each youth "burned" a musical compact disc as a memento of the summer program. In addition, youth documented the environment surrounding each playground, stored it on a computer CD, and printed displays. The final project was a collaborative "rap" CD about the positive aspects of the City of Harrisburg, especially its parks, programs, and special events. The Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society recognized the Department in a similar project in its 2004 Excellence in Programming Award.

2006 Summer Special Events, Leagues, and Clinics Participation

Special Events, Activity Days, Handouts

99,100

Playground Orientation and Training	7,000
Track	7,800
Teen Basketball Activities	15,500
Aerobics	9,000
Tennis	8,200
Golf	8,000
Volleyball (Unstructured)	14,000
Volleyball Leagues and Tournaments	21,000
Romper Week	7,300
Jazz Under the Stars/Reception	5,000
Women's Basketball League	3,000
Summer Soccer	3,800
Music Comp. Classes	4,000
Hbg. School Dist. Homeless Program	4,100
Giant Foods Summer Day Camps	7,000
"Hooked on Fishing"	3,800

2006 Summer Special Events, Leagues, and Clinics Participation - 224,100; (3.4% decrease from 232,100 in 2005).

Aquatics and Pools - The City of Harrisburg's Summer Aquatics Programs operated at three (3) seasonal swimming facilities from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 2006:

1. Jackson Lick Pool, N. 6th Street
2. City Island Beach, north end of City Island
3. Pool #2, end of S. 18th Street

The aquatics staff, totaling forty-five (45) part-time employees, and (1) full-time employee, filled the positions of manager, assistant manager, lifeguard, cashier, monitor, concession worker, and certification instructor.

Aquatics activities were organized into three (3) basic components:

1. Training, certification, and orientation; Participation = 2,200
2. Learn-to-Swim; Participation = 2,000
3. Recreation swimming by general public and city youth-related agencies;

Pool #1	Participation = 21,000
Pool #2	Participation = 20,000
City Island	Participation = 8,000

The participation for all related aquatics activities totaled 53,200 in 2006; this was a 14.4% decrease from the total participation of 62,200 in 2005; the decrease was due to a wet, very hot summer and the closing of the City Island Beach due to high e-coli levels.

Pool days and hours of operation were extended during a two-week heat wave, but numbers dropped in the total picture due to Beach being closed more than 20 days due to high e-coli counts in River.

Aquatics – Highlights and Achievements

Aquatics Training – Training for lifeguards, monitors, and concession workers was scheduled from April to the end of August. Courses for CPR/First Aid, Lifeguard Training, Water Safety Instruction, and Instructing Lifeguard Certification were organized for the employees of the City for minimal cost or for free. The classes were organized at the Reservoir Park Mansion, the Camp Curtin YMCA, the Brownstone Building, and at Pool #1 and #2. This implementation of in-house certification enabled the Department to certify all personnel according to Commonwealth requirements for very minimal costs and to allow the City to offer very, inexpensive Learn-to-Swim lessons since three (3) City staff are Learn-to-Swim and Lifeguard certified instructors. In-house training continued daily at each facility with safety drills and during routine pool and beach checks. Equipment was inspected four times daily during each pool or beach check as was water quality and clarity. No major accidents occurred at any of the swimming facilities, and City Island Beach, Pool #1, and Pool #2 were inspected and staff evaluated by The Commonwealth and received above average ratings at each visit.

Learn-to-Swim Classes – Learn-to-Swim classes were held for beginners and advanced beginners for both youth and adults at Pool # 1 and #2. Community residents, as well as day camp participants and church youth groups, participated in the two-week sessions. The Parks and Recreation Department collected a \$5.00 administrative fee for each person; this was passed directly to the Harrisburg Red Cross Chapter. At the completion of the youth courses, the Department rewarded participants with certificates, ribbons, candy, and tee shirts or some other handout. At the conclusion of the adult course, the participants were invited to a celebration picnic at the pool.

Recreational Swimming – Recreational or “fun” swimming filled much of the daily schedules at the pools and City Island Beach. Pools operated Tuesdays through Friday, noon to 6:00 pm. Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 to 7:00 pm. The Beach operated from noon to 6:00 pm daily and 1:00 to 7:00 pm on weekends. Traditionally, the pools are closed on Mondays and City Island Beach on Wednesdays for maintenance. The greatest increase in participation in the last two or three years has been with the visitation of daycares, day camps, church groups, and playgrounds. Participants registered with one of these groups receive discounted rates or swim for free because an agency has purchased a group pass.

2006 Summer Total Participation -

Playgrounds	150,000
Clinics/Leagues -	224,100
Aquatics -	53,200
Total -	374,100 (485,300 in 2005; 22.9% decrease)

2006 Fall Program

Fall Recreation Sites at Harrisburg School District schools were not operational due to budgetary restrictions. City Island Fun Day was cancelled and funding from the Keystone Aquatics Club helped underwrite the costs of the annual Fish Derby at City Pool # 1.

Highlights and Achievements

Penn State Intern/Job Fair – The Department was one of hundreds of agencies that displayed job and intern opportunities for 2007 winter and summer jobs. Approximately 3000 students visited the fair to collect information on future placement opportunities.

Soccer League – The Harrisburg Youth Soccer Club, working with the Department, sponsored Twelve (12) intramural soccer teams for youth ages 5-10 and two travel teams. Thanks to the Department, the Harrisburg Parks Partnership, and the Mark Brezler Foundation for extra funding, the soccer program gave every participant a great playing schedule on Saturday mornings, a uniform, shin guards, a ball, and a trophy. An awards recognition party was held at Star Skating Rink. The soccer coordinator and all the coaches, referees, and parents, along with the players should be commended for a great season.

Aerobics – Free Low Impact, Toning Classes, Kickboxing, Cardio-Step Body Sculpting, and Pilates continued into fall from the winter and summer cycle at the Brownstone Building at no cost to the participants, adults over 18 years of age. Plans again were formulated to retain two instructors. A commitment to upgrade the certification of the instructors resulted in two additional classes for the year 2006. Registration on site at the first visit is mandatory. The two new classes were yoga and gliding.

Fishing Derby – This eighth annual, very popular free activity again attracted over 5000 fishing enthusiasts, workers, sponsors, volunteers and curious on-lookers. The Jackson-Lick Pool filled with the pool water from summer swimming (without the chlorine) seemed to be the perfect habitat for over 1500 hybrid striped bass, ranging in size from 12-24 inches. Populations of various segments of the City fished for four days and had a great experience. On the fifth day, all remaining fish were scooped from the pool. Prizes for catching tagged fish and for other contests were donated by area vendors and agencies. Again, Dr. Frederick Rommel was invaluable as the aqua-biologist from the Dept. of Agriculture who assisted in the water quality for the fish. In 2006, a casting contest continued as an additional challenge to fishermen of all ages. Additionally the Department of Agriculture donated the materials and printing for the brochures, posters and recipes. On-site demonstrations or scaling, fish prepping, and grilling the fish with healthy ingredients proved popular to all visitors. And, in conclusion, this year, like the previous seven years, the celebrity tagged fish named for Mayor Reed eluded all the anglers.

Holiday Events and Programs – The holiday events and programs in 2006 were scheduled or not scheduled on an individual basis due to severe budgetary shortfalls and due to the layoffs of key personnel throughout the City from October 2006 to the end of the year. Out of respect to the furloughed employees, the Mayor cancelled the City Hall Holiday Celebration which serves to recognize Coloring Contest winners, City agencies that decorate wreaths, in-house departments and bureaus that decorate doors in City Hall, and City vendors who decorate live evergreen trees throughout the downtown area. Employees of the Parks and Recreation Department privately donated monies to underwrite the costs to write Letters from Santa to over 500 youth. Collections for caps, mittens, and scarves was organized with the donations of City residents and City employees who could afford to share during the Holiday season. Two holiday projects survived to spread cheer and share warm mittens, hats, and scarves through the kindness of individuals and at no costs to the Department.

Fall - 2006
PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

No after-school recreation site program due to budgetary restrictions.

Special Classes, Programs, Activities, and Trips

Black History Showcase Auditions – Not scheduled; Black History Enrichment Series of Programs
for 2007 replaces the Showcase.

City of Harrisburg Dance Ensemble and Classes	= 1,000	
Penn State Capital Job and Intern Fair		=
3,000		
Soccer League		
= 6,000		
Fall Golf – 15 weeks		=
450		
Aerobics – 16 weeks		=
5,000		
Fishing Derby - Participants, volunteers, and		

staff	=	5,000	
Volleyball facility			
available			=
0			
City Island Fun			
Day			
=	0		
Door Decorating/Wreath			
Contest		=	0
Coloring Contest and Santa			
Letters		=	525
Holiday Award			
Ceremony			=
0			
Caps and Mitten Collection/			
Distribution		=	200
Recreation Sites Holiday Skating			
Party	=	0	
Parade Float and Marchers and dancers and			
units	=	5,000	

2006 Fall Participation Total = 26,175 (38,600 in 2005) a 32% decrease.

2006 Total Recreation attendance Figure was 503,175 (17% decrease from 606,800 in 2005). Decrease due to wet, warm summer season, high e-coli levels at City Island Beach, no Summer School Academy, the suspension of after-school recreation programs in schools due to budgetary restrictions both during Winter and Fall cycles.

2005 Major Achievements

- 1. Despite extremely tight budget constraints, the Recreation Bureau received a .07% increase in the general fund budget to maintain the

quality and number of existing programs with modest expansion.

2. Introduction of “Respect is the Key That Opens All Doors” theme for the Summer Enrichment program which incorporated new games and programs for the youth; fitness, stress and anger management, nutrition, rollerblading, and activity days in two major parks, new games such as koosh ball, Frisbee golf, etc. and Giant Foods, Inc. sponsored Summer Day Camps.
3. Expansion of the summer junior golf activities and trips with a three year grant from the United States Golf Association Foundation to include visits to major golf courses, tournaments, and clinics; 2006 was the seventh year that the USGA Foundation awarded the Department monies for the Junior Golf Program.
4. Sponsorship of the activities of the Harrisburg Youth Soccer Club by the D.C. Drug and Alcohol, the City Islanders Pro Soccer Team, and the Harrisburg Parks Partnership resulting in \$10,000 in support.
5. Maintaining four very popular community-wide special programs, the Fishing Derby, the Harrisburg Dance Ensemble and instructional classes, (to perform at events,) The Black History Showcase of Talent, and the Black History Gala to raise funds for the Showcase of Talent.
6. Addition of martial arts and wrestling in already existing, very successful summer camp schedule of programs which featured boys basketball, girls’ basketball, drama, dance, cheerleading, baseball and football. The Giant Foods Company provided shirts for every camp attendee.
7. Implementing of in-house aquatic certification classes for Lifeguarding, CPR, First-aid, and Water Safety Instruction. These classes certified or re-certified over 60 individuals for summer employment.
8. The Brownstone Summer/Computer Program, for a third year, created CD’s and DVD’s that in 2004 won the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society “Excellence in Programming” Award for the playground participants rap songs about wonderful, positive aspects of the City of Harrisburg and especially its parks and playground.
9. The Recreation Bureau re-introduced evening youth basketball league schedules for teen girls and boys. The two leagues ran eight (8) weeks and attracted 18 teams and provided opportunities to exercise, stay fit, learn about the avoidance of negative influences, and socially interact in positive ways.

BUREAU OF PARKS MAINTENANCE REPORT

Bureau of Parks Maintenance **Overview**

The Bureau of Parks Maintenance is directly responsible for: the maintenance of twenty-seven parks, playgrounds, and open space areas, two pools, a lake, twenty vacant parcels, two softball fields, one combination sports complex, numerous basketball and tennis courts, 450+ acres of turf (which is mowed weekly), 4.5 miles of Riverfront embankment, and a 1,200 acre Greenbelt; the removal of trash and debris from the City's parks and playgrounds; snow removal from the City's parks, playgrounds, public steps, and bridge sidewalks; and the care of 50,000 shade trees located on City property. In addition to our routine maintenance, the City of Harrisburg experienced major floods in July and late August.

Special events are also a major responsibility of the employees in the Bureau. These same individuals also assist with set-up and tear-down for 200 City events ranging from daily park permits issued for private functions to large scale community festivals such as the American Music Festival and Kipona Celebrations.

In the past nineteen years, City Island, once vacant, has been transformed into a regional recreational facility which offers miniature train rides, Riverboat rides, minor league baseball, a multipurpose sports complex, volleyball, miniature golf, a turn-of-the-century Beach House, and food concessions, and which annually plays host to hundreds of thousands of area residents and tourists. Harrisburg's park system has not experienced this level of commitment since the City Beautification Movement dating back to the turn-of-the-last-century. Eleven years ago, a superintendent was hired to oversee construction, maintenance, merchant operations, and permit activities on City Island. (See City Island Superintendent report for more information.)

2006 Annual report**Shade Tree Report**

312 Calls for requests for service

217 Requests for service were completed as of December 2006

33 Permits were issued to remove, plant, or trim trees.

72 Notices were sent for removal of dead, dangerous, or nuisance trees

60 Trees were planted for Arbor Day, Earth Day, special dedications, and Greenbelt projects.

Trees on or along City parks and play areas were also maintained by this Department

Trees and shrubs on any City property were trimmed, planted, or removed upon request.

Note: The numbers for requests for service and completed requests does not determine the actual number of trees trimmed, removed, or planted. Some properties have several trees on site. There were areas where numerous complaints were called in, entire City blocks were trimmed and/or maintained. Also, there were various storms that are not calculated into these numbers.

Facility Maintenance:**Reservoir Park:**

- Placed woodcarpet on playground area (300 cubic yards)
- Removed snow and ice on walkways, roadways, steps, and parking areas
- Repaired damage and vandalism to all facilities
- Repaired, painted, and replaced park benches
- Repainted or replaced trash barrels
- Trimmed and removed dead wood from trees throughout park
- Removed dead or dangerous trees
- Cleaned up storm damage (as needed)

- Cut and maintained all lawn areas and embankments
- Maintained arts village buildings
- Maintained Mansion
- Maintained Bandshell, restrooms, pavilion, and Ranger station
- Winterized, dewaterized, cleaned and maintained fountains, pumps, and electric
- Weeding, mulching, placed herbicide all gardens, planted beds, etc.
- Winterized, dewaterized and made repairs to restroom facilities
- Planted new trees
- Assisted at Levitt Pavilion as needed
- Removed trash

Reservoir Park (cont):

- Maintained extensive gardens including but not limited to: entrance areas, Mansion gardens fountain area, drift gardens, lower reservoir embankment, arts village, and Brownstone area
- Planted shrubs, flowers, and trees at 18th, Whitehall, and Walnut Streets traffic island
- Snow removal throughout the park, i.e., (NCWM, Mansion, Art buildings, Brownstone, etc.)
- Relocated park benches
- Clean-up storm damaged trees
- Organized volunteer group for painting of hand rails, removing tree stakes, general clean-up of gardens and painting the exterior of the Bandshell

Italian Lake:

- Removed all dead or dangerous trees
- Thinned out and trimmed all trees throughout Italian Lake
- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Removed dead trees and brush
- Painted, repaired, or replaced benches
- Weeded, placed herbicide, edged, and tanbarked all beds
- Repaired restrooms facilities
- Winterized restrooms and fountain
- Added chemicals for aquatic weed control
- Trimmed hedges
- Removed weeds and growth from fence line
- Added copper sulfate for algae control

- Removed snow (all walkways and steps)
- Placed aerifiers in Lake
- Removed trash daily; did regular clean up
- Made all necessary repairs as needed
- Planted trees
- Replaced all dead plants and shrubs
- Flood clean-up and recovery

Monument Plot:

- Removed all dead trees
- Thinned out and trimmed all trees
- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Removed snow from walkways
- Regular clean up

Braxton Playground: - This site was rehabilitated in 2003, new equipment and layout was changed, benches and tables were added.

- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Cleared fence line of growth, weeds, and debris
- Sprayed fence line with weed killer
- Regular clean up
- Removed trash daily
- Removed snow and ice from walkways
- Replaced woodcarpet as needed

7th and Radnor Ball field:

- Filled in depressions and over-seeded field
- Edged and cut back infield to bring up to baseball standards
- Added infield material, where needed
- Cut and maintained field area
- Repaired backstop, fencing, and bleachers (as needed)
- Cleaned and maintained basketball courts area
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)

- Winterized and dewatered restroom and concession building
- Removed snow and ice from walkways
- Placed woodcarpet under fitness center
- Replaced/repainted benches and bench boards
- Converted field to “youth sports only”

Gorgas Playground:

- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Filled depressions and seeded (as needed)
- Placed woodcarpet under play apparatus
- Repaired play apparatus and benches
- Painted play apparatus (as needed)
- Trimmed trees
- Removed storm damaged trees
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Removed snow and ice from walkways
- Maintenance and clean up performed on a routine basis
- Replaced/repainted benches
- Repaired damaged Pavilion roof

4th and Emerald Streets Playground:

- Filled depressions and seeded (as needed)
- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Maintained pavilion and basketball courts
- Repaired, removed, and replaced damaged equipment
- Added woodcarpet under and around play apparatus
- Cleaned fence lines of weeds and growth
- Repaired fences
- Removed dead/dangerous trees
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)

- Planted trees
- Replaced/repainted benches
- Cleared snow and ice from walkways
- Trimmed trees on and around play area (as needed)
- Trimmed shrubs
- Sprayed fence lines with weed killer

4th and Dauphin Streets Playground:

- Cut and maintained lawn area
- Maintained basketball court and play apparatus (as needed)
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Removed snow from walkways
- Placed woodcarpet under play apparatus
- Replaced damaged play apparatus
- Repaired damaged fence
- Replaced/repaired benches

Penn and Dauphin Streets Playground:

- Maintained lawn areas
- Repaired play apparatus and equipment (as needed)
- Placed safety material under play apparatus
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed snow from walkways-cleared fence line of weeds and growth

Penn and Sayford Streets Playground:

- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Maintained park and paved areas
- Repaired, replaced, or removed damaged equipment
- Removed weeds and growth from fence lines
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed ice and snow from walkways
- Placed woodcarpet material under play apparatus

- Removed damaged fencing

5th and Harris Playground:

- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Repaired, replaced, or removed damaged equipment
- Removed weeds and growth from fence lines
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Removed snow and ice from walkways
- Placed woodcarpet under play apparatus
- Replaced shingles on Pavilion roof

Morrison Park (formerly known as Sunshine Park):

- Replaced all field lights, and broken light covers
- Cut and maintained lawn area
- Cleaned and maintained pavilion, basketball, tennis, and sand volleyball courts
- Scarified and drug softball field
- Aerated and re-seeded grass area of field
- Repaired restroom facilities
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Added infield material to bring field up to standards
- Trimmed or removed trees as needed
- Cut and maintained embankments
- Repainted practice wall (tennis)
- Winterized / Dewinterized water fountain

Wilson Park Playground:

- Repaired and paint picnic tables
- Cut and maintained lawn area
- Trimmed and removed trees

- Placed woodcarpet under play apparatus
- Repaired equipment (as needed)
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed snow from walkways

Royal Terrace Playground:

- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Removed weeds and growth from fence lines
- Placed woodcarpet under all apparatus
- Repaired, replaced, or removed damaged equipment
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Cut and maintained Linden Terrace plot
- Cleaned and opened all storm sewers and drain lines
- Replaced/repared benches

Vernon Street Playground: - This site was rehabilitated in 2003, all new equipment was installed, and layout was changed.

- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Cut back forsythia bushes
- Removed weeds and growth from fence lines
- Repaired, replaced, or removed damaged equipment
- Repainted grills and equipment (as needed)
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Removed snow and ice from walkways
- Maintained pavilion (as needed)
- Cut and maintain lawn areas
- Sprayed fence lines with weed killer
- aerated and reseeded lawn area

Norwood Street Playground:

- Placed woodcarpet under all play apparatus
- Repaired, replaced, or removed damaged equipment
- Cut and maintained lawn areas

- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Repaired fencing
- Removed dead trees
- Sprayed fence lines with weed killer

19th and Forster Streets Playground:

- Cut and maintained lawn area
- Repaired, replaced, or removed damaged equipment
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Removed snow and ice from walkways
- Repaired fence
- Trimmed trees and removed dead wood
- Placed woodcarpet under play apparatus
- Sprayed fence lines with weed killer

14th and Shoop Streets Playground:

- Repaired and replaced damaged equipment
- Repaired gates and fencing
- Maintained garden area and planters
- Placed woodcarpet under all play apparatus
- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)

14th and Shoop Streets Playground (cont):

- Removed ice and snow from walkways
- Winterized / Dewaterized water fountain
- Trimmed all trees
- Trash removal on a regular basis

Cloverly Heights Playground:

- Repaired basketball backboards and nets
- Repaired fencing
- Repaired, removed, or replaced damaged equipment
- Repaired park benches
- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Removed snow and ice from walkways
- Repaired damaged walkway
- Placed woodcarpet under all apparatus
- Repainted pavilion and all play apparatus

Shipoke Playground:

- Flood clean-up
- Filled sinkholes and reseeded area
- Repaired and replaced play equipment
- Repaired fence, pavilion, and benches
- Removed snow and ice from walkways
- Trimmed trees
- Replanted trees
- Cut and maintained lawn area
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)

Pool #1:

- Repaired buildings and painted as needed
- Cleaned fence lines of weeds and growth
- Replaced/repared filter house, locker rooms, and office area doors
- Made repairs as needed/or requested
- Maintained lawn areas and pool deck

- Performed routine maintenance and clean up
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer)
- Winterized and made repairs in areas not covered by contract
- Set-up for fishing derby
- Sprayed fence lines with weed killer

Pool #2: - The playground was rehabilitated in 2005, all new equipment was installed, and layout was changed.

- Painted and repaired buildings (as needed)
- Cut and maintained lawn areas and pool decks
- Planted and maintained planter bed
- Removed weeds and growth from fence lines
- Maintained play area and playground equipment
- Trimmed and removed trees around pool area
- Removed trash on a daily basis during summer months
- Leaf removal during the Fall months

Paxtang Park and Spring House:

- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Repaired spring house as needed or requested
- Regular clean up and trash removal
- Assisted with Eagle Scout project
- Assisted Greenbelt Association as needed or requested
- Replaced damaged ornamental railing

Paxtang Parkway (Greenbelt)

- Removed dead or fallen trees
- Cleaned logs, brush, and debris from creek
- Cut back trees and growth along roadway
- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Regular cleaning and trash removal
- Assisted Greenbelt Association with clean-up as needed or requested
- Assisted with Eagle Scout projects

Cameron Parkway (Greenbelt)

- Flood clean up
- Removed dead and fallen trees
- Cleaned logs, brush, and debris from creek
- Cut back trees and growth along roadway
- Painted gates
- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Regular clean-up and trash removal
- Assisted Greenbelt Association with clean up as needed or requested
- Removed graffiti (as needed)

13th Street Plot Area (Greenbelt)

- Cut and maintained lawn area
- Removed trash and debris from side of embankment from illegal dumping
- Filled in sink holes (as needed)

Open Lots**25th Street Plot**

- Cut and maintained lawn area
- Removed snow from sidewalk and salted
- General clean up of area

Hoffman and Graham Streets Plots

- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- General clean-up of area

Quigley's Plot

- Filled in sink holes (as needed)
- Cut and maintained lawn areas
- Cut back brush on embankment
- Removed trash from embankment

- Removed snow from walk and steps
- Salted walk and steps

Miscellaneous:

- January through April, the majority of our time and efforts were involved with snow removal, storm damage clean up (trees), Riverfront clean up (flood related)
- Ground cover, or woodcarpet was checked and replaced under all play apparatus
- (495 cy.) 3 tractor trailer loads
- Removed and trimmed trees on various City-owned properties
- Removed trash and weeds from various City-owned properties
- Removed trash from all parks and play areas 272.29 Ton or 544,580 lbs.
- Placed sponsor and special event banners
- Assisted Special Events Director with all City functions and special events
- Set up, tear down, and clean up for all special events City-wide
- Assisted Recreation Department with events and programs as needed or requested
- Assisted City Island Superintendent as needed or requested
- Set up ball fields for sporting events (football, soccer, softball, hardball, lacrosse, etc.)
- Set up, tear down, and clean up for concerts (Reservoir Park, Italian Lake, Barge)
- Replaced some existing 6' benches with 12' benches
- Cast new concrete bench ends
- Repaired and painted City work boats
- Repaired snow plows
- Assisted Public Works (snow plowing, salting, etc.)
- Assisted other City departments as needed or requested (Highway, Water, Sewage, Police, fire, etc.)
- Assisted any City agency as needed or requested
- Made minor and major equipment and facility repairs (in-house) to all facilities
- Repaired and painted equipment (as needed)
- Cut and placed Christmas trees (City Hall, 21st & Market)
- Placed herbicide and mulch at all city owned traffic islands, formal gardens and planted beds (11 tractor trailer loads, which is equal to 263 tons of mulch was spread in 2005)
- Placed and removed Hospice Christmas tree (Front and Walnut)
- Painted various offices in City Hall
- Chipped Christmas trees that were collected from City residents (1,000 trees)
- Assisted the Harrisburg School District with upkeep and maintenance advice and direction

CITY ISLAND SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

City Island Superintendent Report 2006

Park Permit Summary:

Total Permits	248
Total estimated attendance from permitted events	160,000 +

Total Revenue from permits \$ 88,638.50

(Total figures do not include attendance and revenue for the American Music-Festival and the Kipona celebration)

Employees:

City Island Superintendent/Assistant Director – Michael J. Breslin

Skyline Groundskeeper - Kenneth Cook

Highlights

- Rehab of the Boat Launch area.
- Armed Forces Day Weekend - Various branches of the Military showcased equipment and gave live demonstrations.
- Market Street Bridge Corridor construction and completion.
- Upgrade and revamp Boat Launch area.
- Demolition and installation of a new restroom building in R.S.V.P.

Facility Maintenance

Miscellaneous:

- Flood clean-up and recovery from numerous incidents of high water and flooding
- Mud and debris clean up from major / minor flooding with assistance from the city Fire Department
- Planted various tree throughout park for aesthetics and functionality
- Removed all dead or dangerous trees
- Thinned out and trimmed trees throughout City Island
- Placed barges for concerts, festivals, etc. (Riverfront lower walkway)
- Cut and maintained all lawn areas weekly
- Cut and maintained embankments, roadways, parking lots, ramps, bridges as needed
- Planted, placed herbicide, mulched, and weeded all garden areas
- Removed, plowed snow on all of City Island, salted as needed (steps, walkways, roads, parking lots, etc.)

North and South Parking Lots:

- Removed all litter from lots biweekly
- Highway Department ran street cleaner through parking lots weekly

- Snow removal (as needed)
- Construction continued and completed on Market Street Bridge corridor

Commerce Bank Park:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Mud and debris clean up from major / minor flooding with assistance from the city Fire Department
- Set up area for the season
- Made all repairs not covered by contracts
- Cut and cleaned embankments, parking lots, etc,
- Weeded, placed herbicide, planted and mulched in all planters and beds
- Assisted and prepared for opening of baseball
- Repaired and replaced plumbing fixtures
- Cleaned and disinfected entire clubhouse and concession areas
- Exercised all flood doors (6)
- Winterized and de-winterized buildings and trailers
- Painted ticket booths (2)
- Maintained all landscaped areas
- Maintained all bleachers and seating
- Assisted Harrisburg Senators (as needed)
- Brought all fire extinguishers up to code
- Painted locker and restroom areas
- Made repairs (water fountains, toilets, sinks, showers, etc.)

Carousel Pavilion:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Swept, degreased and applied concrete sealer/finish to entire floor
- Repaired and painted picnic tables which are used in and around the facility (50)
- Removed trash after each event
- Mowed and whipped field area biweekly
- Brought all fire extinguishers up to code (4)

Nature Trail:

- Re-established trail after major flooding
- Maintained trail

Nineteenth Hole:

- Mowed and whipped areas biweekly
- Repaired and painted picnic tables which are used in and around the facility (4)
- Seeded area (as needed)
- Clean-up from floods

Beach-House:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Mud and debris clean up from major / minor flooding with assistance from the city Fire Department
- Washed down, cleaned, and disinfected entire lower level
- Wash down and cleaned beach area
- Removed all damaged trees
- Installed and removed lifeguard chairs
- Removed weeds and sprayed beach area
- Made all necessary repairs as needed
- Added sand and maintained play areas
- Cut and maintained all lawn areas weekly
- De-winterized and winterized building
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Cleaned and maintained restroom and shower facilities
- Replaced all shower units

North Marina:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Replaced fencing on north side due to flood damage
- Removed fencing during winter months to deter high water damage

Harbourtown Playground:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Mud and debris clean up from major / minor flooding
- Placed wood carpet around buildings and play apparatus (200 cubic yards), and kept at appropriate levels
- Repaired and placed equipment
- Cut and maintained all lawn areas weekly
- Cut back growth along fence line
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Repaired, prepared and painted all wooden structures and fencing, resealed with wood preservative

Skyline Sports Complex :

Field:

- February - Edged in-field
- March - Soil test performed. Rolled field and repaired damaged areas. Reseeded where needed and added infield mix.
- April - Applied A Drive@ to remove clover on field at a rate of two pounds per 1,000 sq. ft. with starter fertilizer (18-24-12)
- May - Fertilized with slow release mix at a rate of 1b. of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft.
- June - Used Merit (14-0-14) for grub control seeded areas as needed, fixed divots from football games
- July - Seeded as needed, treated diseased areas, applied (18-0-18) fertilizer and treated field for Pythium
- August – October - Seeded as needed, corrected divots, treated field for damage from soccer and football, applied (23-7-13) fertilizer to add iron to field which helps make field greener and more attractive
- November - Aerified in four directions, seeded and fertilized with (18-24-12), repaired sideline damage from heavy use during football season, top-dressed field with sand, filled in low spots with sand and organic material
- Routine Maintenance - Cut and maintained field and lawn areas. Mowed field as needed (sometimes three times per week)

Volleyball Courts:

- Placed sand and maintained volleyball courts
- Placed wood carpet under fitness equipment

Buildings:

- Stripped and re-waxed floors in the restroom, locker rooms and concession area
- Repaired locker and restroom facilities (general usage)
- Repainted wall boards in locker room/restroom facilities
- Cleaned restrooms on a daily basis (during open season)
- Winterized and de-winterized restroom and locker room facilities

General Areas:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Repaired railings and steps (as needed)
- Set up and clean up for picnics and special events
- Set up and clean up for sporting events (football, soccer, softball, etc.)
- Cut weeds and growth on embankments (as needed)
- Weeded, placed herbicide, planted all planter beds
- Removed trash on a daily basis (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)
- Repaired and resealed wooden ramps with wood preservative
- Installation of Rip Rap on all embankments that were damaged by flooding

Flag Poles:

- Replaced all flags at beginning of season
- Flew flags at half mast when appropriate
- Repaired cables, pulley's, etc. as needed

John Harris Trading Post:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Cleaned up mud and debris from major / minor flooding
- Thoroughly cleaned and disinfected John Harris Trading Post
- Cut and maintained lawn area weekly
- Weeded, placed herbicide, planted, and mulched garden areas and planters

- Repaired and maintained building, wooden walkways, ramps, and railings
- Watered flowers during summer months
- Assisted contractor with rehabilitation of building, steps, ramps, etc...

Riverview Pavilion:

- Washed tables and cleaned floor after every event
- Removed trash after each event
- Removed graffiti and litter when needed
- Mowed and whipped area weekly
- Brought fire extinguishers up to code (4)

Riverboat and Area:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Mud and debris clean up from major / minor flooding with assistance from the city Fire Department
- Clean up of entire boat launch area (mud and debris) walkways, and ramps
- Assisted with placement of riverboat docks
- Repaired damaged docks and walkways
- Assisted with placement and removal of Riverboat
- Installed hand rails along ramps to the Riverboat

RiverSide Village:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Mud and debris clean up from major / minor flooding with assistance from the city Fire Department
- Removed dead or damaged trees and shrubs
- Cut embankments
- Maintained overlook, walkways, steps, and hand railings and resealed with wood preservative
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once a week (winter)

RiverSide Village (cont):

- Winterized and moved all City-owned buildings
- Maintained areas around damaged restroom facilities and closed area off to public
- Assisted vendors as needed or requested

- Repaired, prepared and repainted all of the buildings
- Repaired table tops and seats on overlook deck tables (as needed)
- Replaced flooring in buildings as needed
- Assisted contractor with demolition and placement of new restroom facilities

South-Pointe Marina:

- Trimmed trees due to flood damage (as needed)

Riverfront Park:

- Flood clean-up and recovery
- Removed mud and debris from minor flooding (lower walk)
- Removed storm damaged and dead trees
- Edged and cleaned curb line along entire park (4.5 miles)
- Cut and maintained river bank (north City line to Dock Street Dam area) (as needed)
- Snow removal (walkways, steps, Swenson Plaza) and Walnut Street Bridge as needed
- Planted various trees throughout park for aesthetics and functionality
- Repaired upper and lower walks (as needed)
- Removed weeds and sprayed (lower walk)
- Filled in washouts and sinkholes (as needed)
- Cut and maintained all lawn areas weekly
- Maintained all overlooks and steps
- Removed trash daily (spring, summer, fall)
- Removed trash once per week (winter)
- Maintained, planted, placed herbicide in all flower beds and formal gardens
- Repaired, replaced, and painted benches and trash receptacles
- Repaired and painted overlook and step railings
- Re-graded and seeded various areas (as needed)
- Set up, tear down, and clean up of all special events
- Placed wood carpet on Para-course
- Removed and reinstalled wrought iron handrails on the steps and ramps leading to the lower level
- Made up forms and poured concrete caps for planter at Swenson Plaza

Sunken Garden:

- Removed, redesigned and replaced “all” interior beds
- Flood clean-up and recovery Clean up of flower beds, place herbicide, replant and mulch (all beds)
- Repaired entire irrigation system
- Cut and maintained lawn areas weekly
- Trimmed and shaped hedges
- Weeded and maintained beds
- Repair and replace signage (as needed)
- Repaired Gazebo and resealed with wood preservative

Kunkel Plaza:

- Planted new plant material
- Weeded, placed herbicide, and maintained all planted areas
- Mulched all areas
- Cleaned and pressure washed entire area (as needed)
- Repairs to irrigation system (as needed)
- Removed graffiti (as needed)
- Replaced signage (to deter misuse of area)
- Set-up, tear-down, and general clean-up of special events
- Trimmed all trees in this area (10)
- Repaired hand rails

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